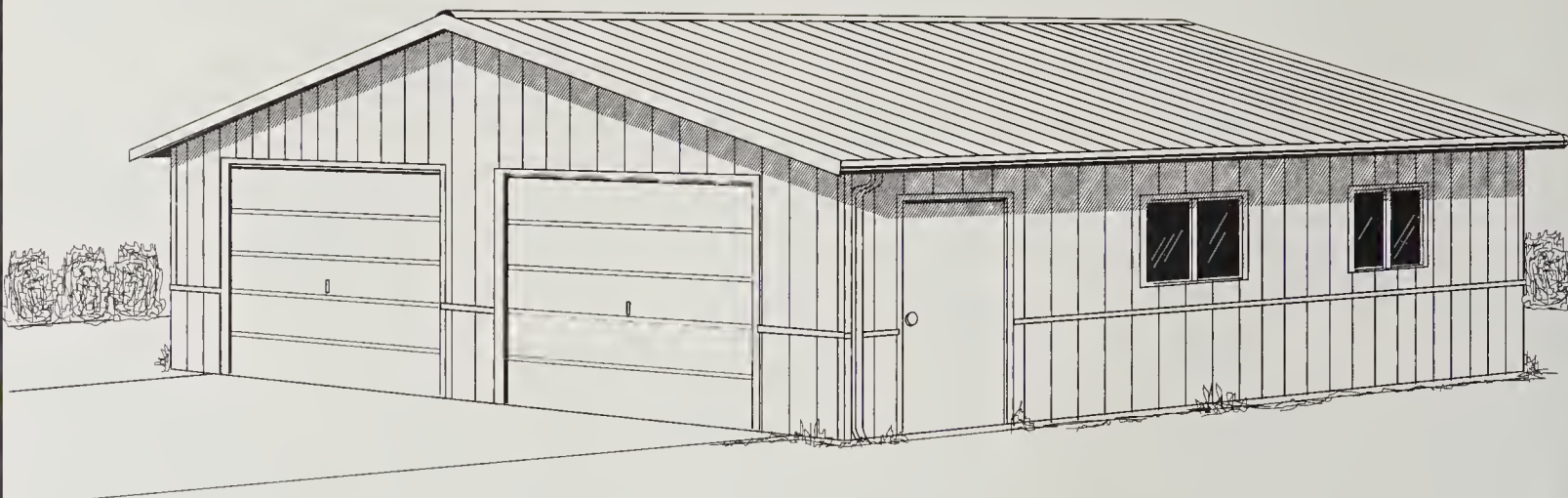


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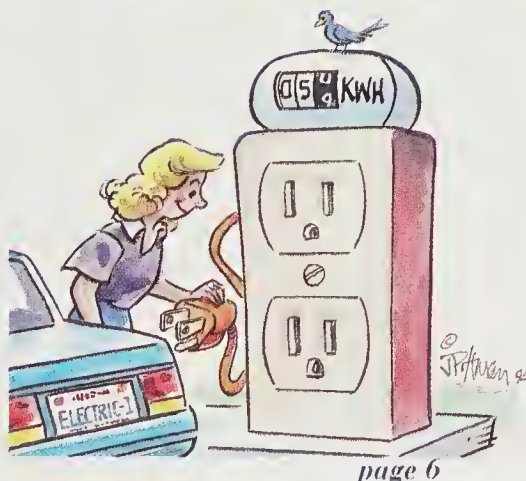


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A Future of Peace and Quiet

By Lloyd H. Lee

It's Friday, early in the evening. You're home from work. You've made yourself a cool drink, and you take it out to the back porch. You settle into a comfortable chair, and all you want to do is relax, unwind from the work week, listen to the breezes in the trees.

Then:

A pick-up truck roars by on the street out front of the house.

A neighbor pull-starts a lawnmower and pushes it blaring through the grass next door, as the mower spews acrid fumes your way.

Another neighbor down the road aims a blower at dead leaves and lawn clippings as though trying to scare them off by noise alone. You can't see it, but you sure can hear the growl at your place, even above the sound of the lawnmower next door.

You retreat to the house, but you still hear the racket outside.

So you turn on the TV. There's a golf tournament under way. The action is so quiet, even the sportscaster is whispering. You turn up the volume, but you still hear the mowers and blowers outside. On TV, as two players leave the green, they and a driver and two 50-pound bags of clubs are transported by battery-powered golf cart, almost silently.

What's wrong with this picture?

If a cart can move three 200-pound humans and two golf bags noiselessly, why does the neighbor make so much noise moving dried leaves?

It doesn't have to be this way.

Tideland Electric Membership Corporation recently acquired some cordless, rechargeable electric lawnmowers as demonstration models. We've invited our members to check out these mowers at our offices in

Beaufort, Hyde and Pamlico counties.

I can say from personal experience that the quiet operation alone makes these mowers very attractive. But they also use less energy than gasoline-powered mowers. They don't send emissions into the atmosphere. They need less than a dime's worth of electric to cut a quarter-acre of grass. And they cut or mulch grass as well as the loud ones.

To me, these rechargeable mowers are a sign that a energy future is here.

We already use microwave ovens and fax machines to do things that used to take much longer, cost more energy, and didn't help the environment much.

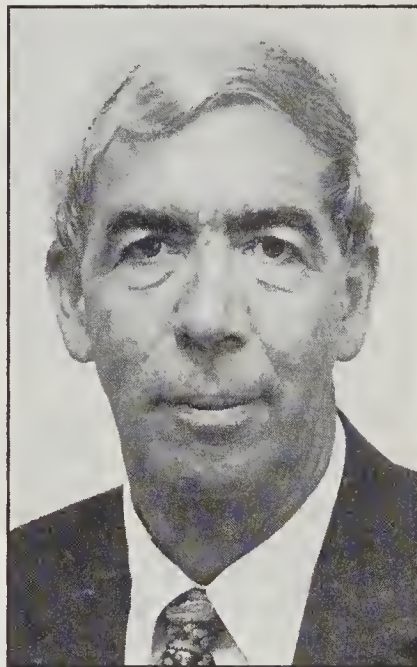
Before long, we should see electric cars and trucks that cost less than \$30,000 new and can cross half North Carolina on a single charge. We will see electric buses crossing town in our cities. High-speed electric trains like wise will cross the country. Talk about cleaner air!

The same is true for industrial machinery and farm equipment. Research tells us that if we can use electric technology to manufacture anything from steel to magazines, we will not only protect our environment from emissions, but also reduce our need for limited, non-renewable, increasingly expensive fossil fuels.

Even if we need new generating plants to supply the electricity to us in the smog-free scenery I describe, we

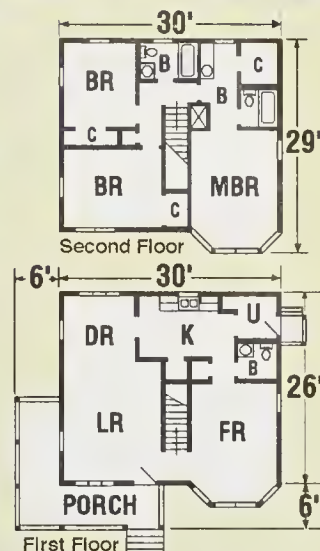
already know we can build safe, non-polluting, quiet power plants on a smaller scale than in the past.

The next time your peace and quiet is interrupted by loud, gas-powered machinery, keep in mind that you and your electric cooperative together can help ease us toward a quieter, cleaner tomorrow.



Lloyd H. Lee is manager of Tideland Electric Membership Corporation. He is also secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, the power supply arm of Carolina Electric Cooperatives.

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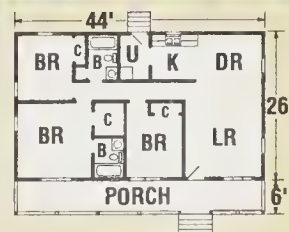
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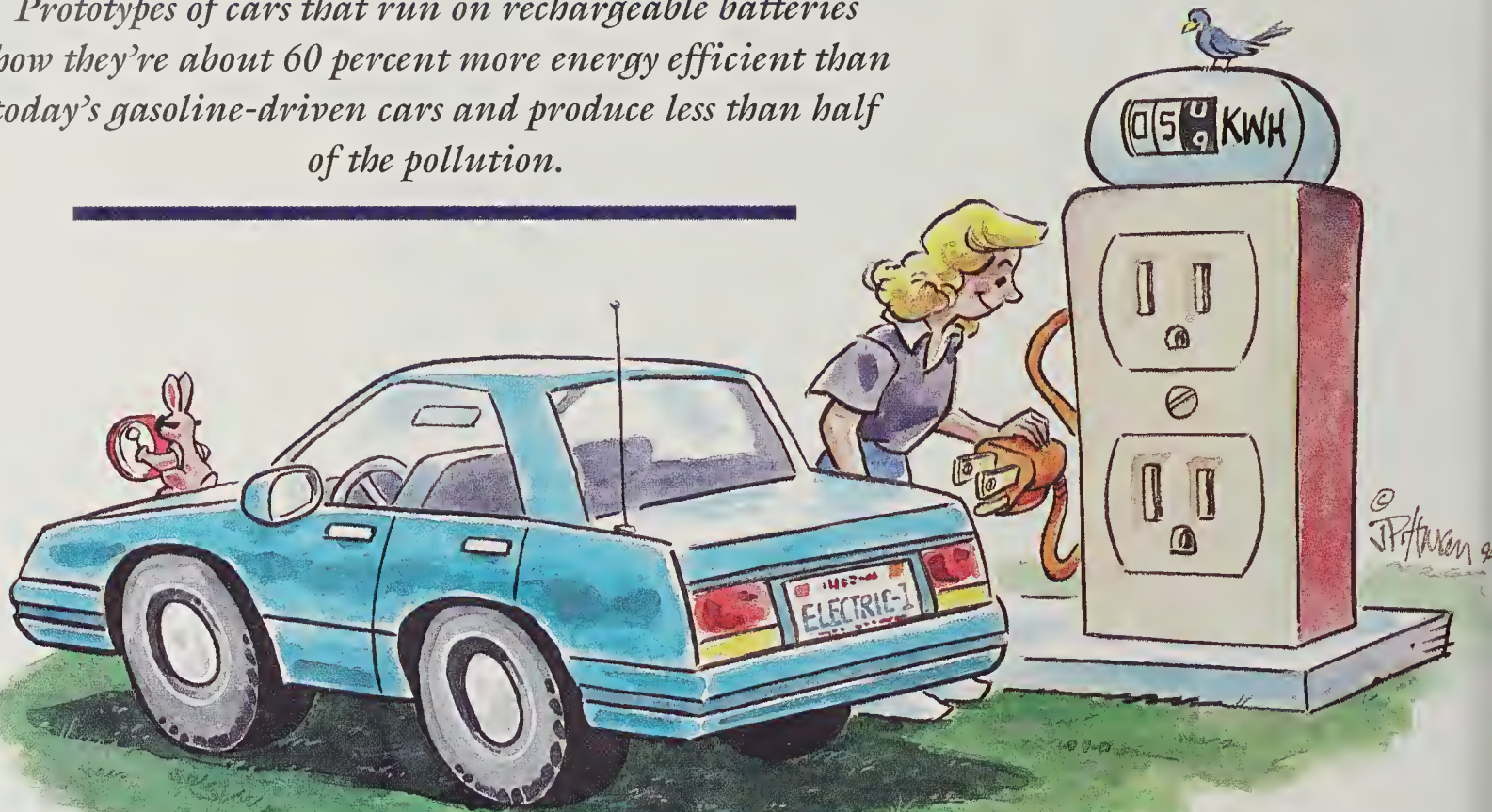
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Prototypes of cars that run on rechargeable batteries show they're about 60 percent more energy efficient than today's gasoline-driven cars and produce less than half of the pollution.



Electric alternatives

By Sharon O'Malley

Illustrations by Jackie Pittman

If Americans use more electricity, they'll save both energy and the environment. And they'll give the economy a boost in the process.

At a time when preserving the environment is important to both consumers and policymakers, it's a concept that's gaining acceptance.

Switching from fossil fuels, such as natural gas and oil, to electricity for even routine tasks will cut the amount of energy it takes to complete the tasks, electric utility researchers say.

Cutting the grass with a cordless, electric lawn mower, for instance, uses 30 percent less energy than doing the same job with a gasoline-powered model. Cooking a meatloaf in a microwave uses 90 percent less energy than preparing the same meal in a gas oven.

The electric mower uses "six cents of electricity versus a pint of gasoline," says utility consultant Mark Mills, president of Mills, McCarthy and Associates in Chevy Chase, Md. "You don't have to be a chemist to know that's better."

Most of the technologies that render our society more productive are electric. They are not gas, they are not fuel oil.

— Electric Power Research Institute

And in both cases, there are no air-polluting emissions as the machine runs.

That's because using a conventional gas motor is just 10 percent efficient, Mills explains. The less efficient a motor is, the more fuel it needs to run. Electric motors are more efficient, so they burn less energy.

And the less energy a machine uses, the less pollution it creates.

If half of the grass-cutting population switched from gasoline mowers to electric models, for instance, it would have the same effect on air quality as taking a million cars off the road, Mills

estimates. Typical gas mowers spew as much pollution into the air in a single hour as a car does on a 50-mile drive, estimates the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

So staggering are the differences that the EPA may regulate emissions from lawn mowers and other equipment, according to Gay MacGregor, an assistant director in the EPA's Office of Mobile Sources. The agency is considering a trade-in program to pay people for their old mowers, MacGregor told a 1992 conference on energy efficiency and the environment.

"Electric technologies may be the answer," she said.

A case in point is the electric facsimile machine, a staple of every business office and a growing number of homes.

Sending a 20-page document via fax from North Carolina to California, for instance, uses 5 percent less energy than whisking it across the country by overnight courier. That's because the trucks and airplanes that transport the document use more in gasoline than the fax machine uses in electricity.

As an added bonus, the fax machine doesn't spew any dirty emissions into the air while it's in use.

Of course, the electricity used instead of gas might have been generated at a fossil fuel-fired power plant that produces air emissions.

"You do have emissions in the production of electricity and we have to consider that," says Clark Gellings, of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), a utility-supported group. But he says that even when those emissions are considered, sending the document by fax instead of by overnight mail creates less pollution.

That's true of other electric alternatives to fuel-powered appliances and machines: they emit less substance into the air, even when pollution from a power plant is taken into account.

Especially noteworthy are the declining emissions of carbon dioxide, a gas that some research says contributes to the warming "greenhouse effect" of the atmosphere. While Americans' use of electricity has grown by more than 70 percent since

1970, their total use of energy has increased by just 20 percent, according to EPRI. And total carbon dioxide emissions have climbed just 10 percent.

When consumers choose energy-efficient appliances, such as heat pumps, over less efficient models, they contribute to this trend. Heating a home with an electric heat pump instead of a gas or oil furnace adds up to a 35 percent savings in energy and removes two pounds of carbon dioxide from the air, according to calculations made by Mills and other researchers.

And the potential for savings is even greater in the industrial sector, where new, efficient technologies are tempting manufacturers to switch from other fuels to electricity, Mills says.

Making steel with an electric arc furnace instead of a traditional, fuel-fired blast furnace cuts energy use in half and creates less pollution, according to researchers. Drying paint on cars with infrared heaters uses 90 percent less energy than conventional oven drying. Replacing the usual fuel-fired process for making evaporated milk with an electric method called "freeze concentration" uses half the energy. And drying ink on the pages of magazines using an electric ultraviolet dryer instead of gas heat saves 60 percent in energy.

Replacing the conventional technology with a new, more efficient electric process, the researchers say, also reduces the amount of carbon dioxide dumped into the air.

If consumers and industry choose electricity over other fuels at their current rate, EPRI estimates, the use of electricity will rise by as much as 700 billion kilowatt-hours by 2010. Yet total energy use will decline at the same time. And carbon dioxide emissions will decline by more than 350 million tons.

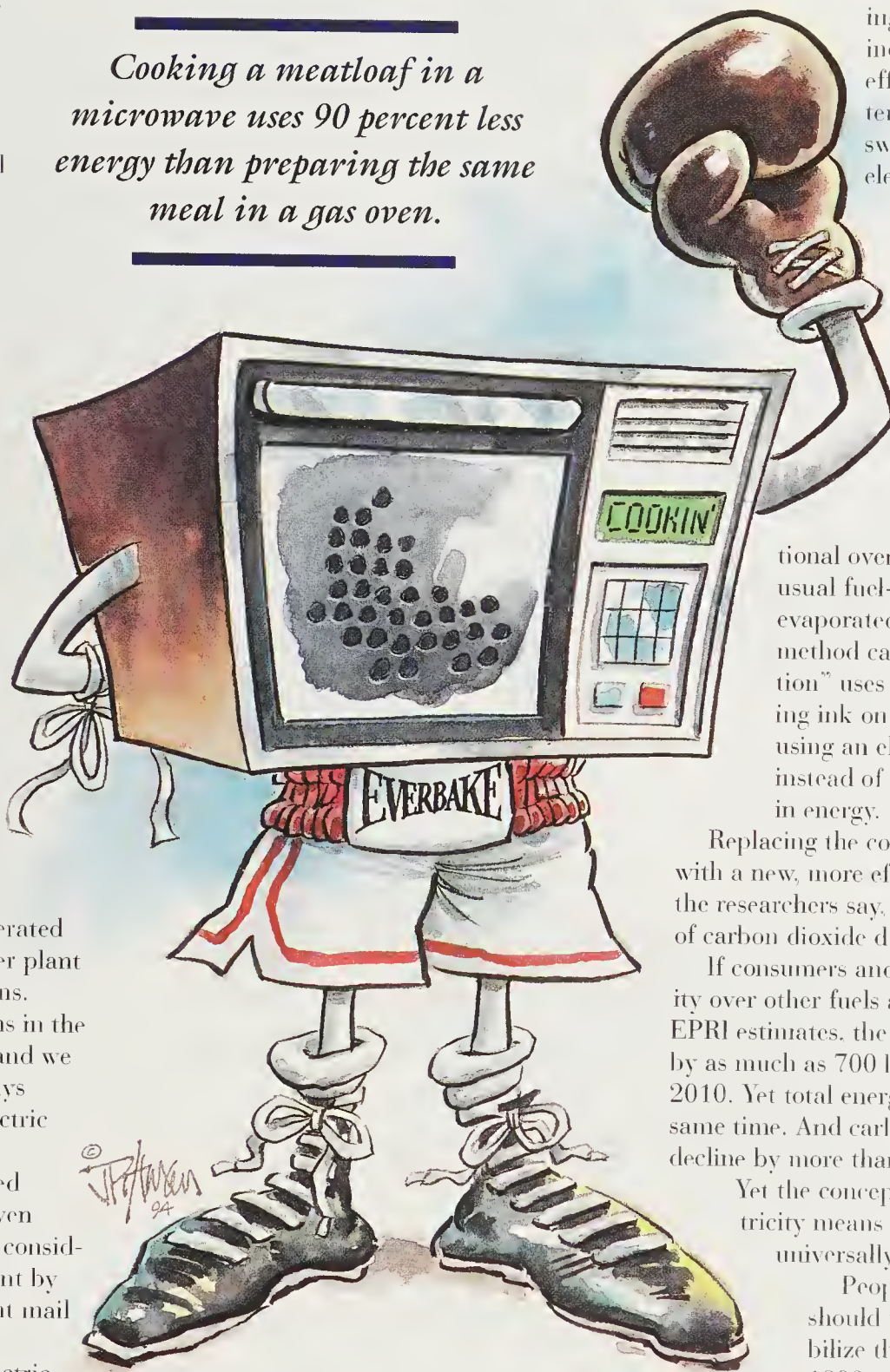
Yet the concept that using more electricity means using less energy is not universally embraced.

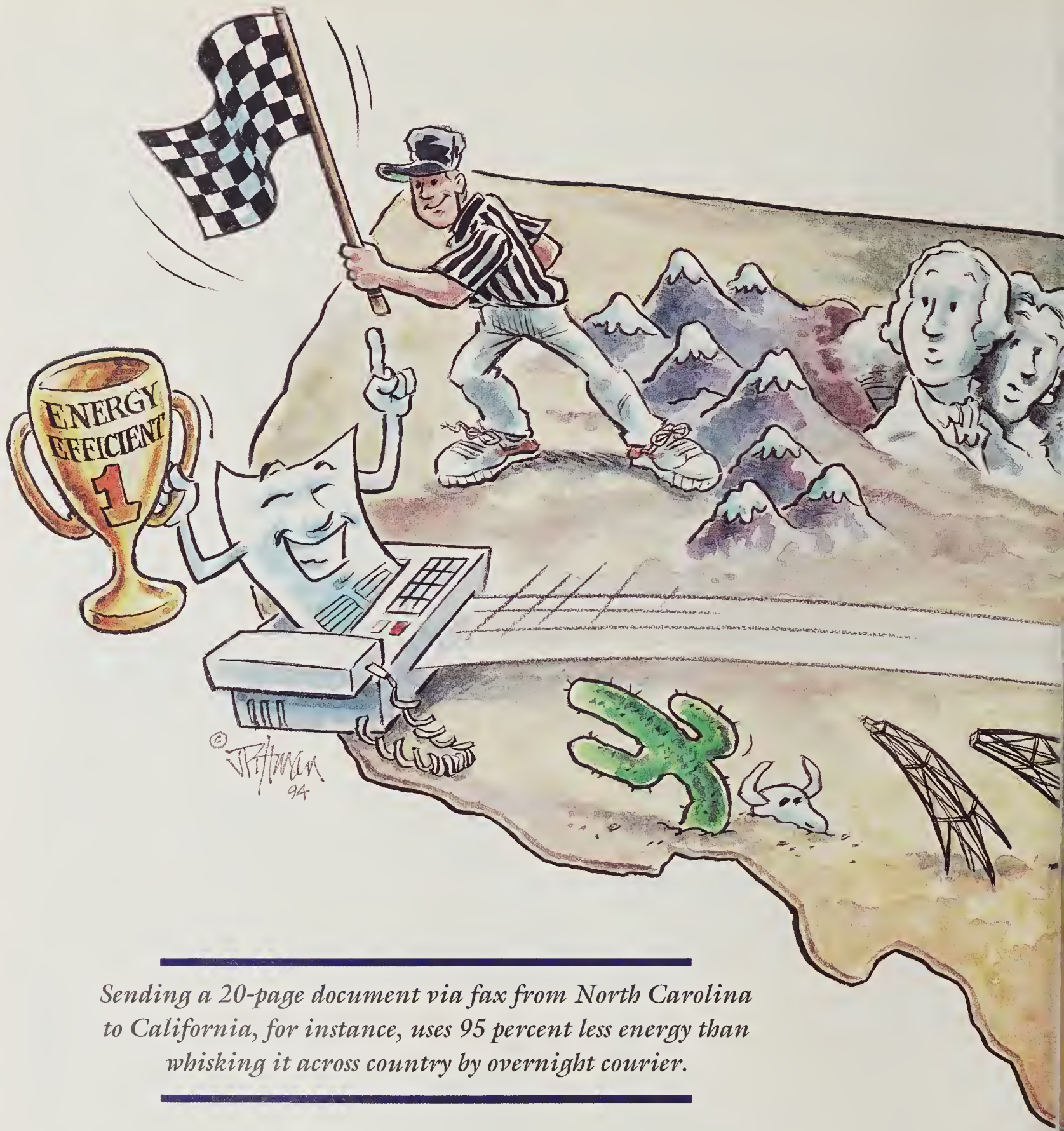
People may believe they should use less electricity to stabilize the economy, Mills told a 1993 gathering of electric cooperative leaders. "We should run

screaming in the opposite direction," he said.

One outspoken opponent of the concept admits that many new electric technologies are cleaner and more efficient than their alternatives, but points out that they're more expensive as well. In an interview in "The Quad," an energy newsletter, Amory Lovins, head of the Rocky Mountain Institute, said,

Cooking a meatloaf in a microwave uses 90 percent less energy than preparing the same meal in a gas oven.





Sending a 20-page document via fax from North Carolina to California, for instance, uses 95 percent less energy than whisking it across country by overnight courier.

"Electricity is certainly wonderful stuff, but its end-use controllability, flexibility, convenience and cleanliness are not free." He predicts that some new technologies—such as the electric car—will have a tough time saturating the marketplace.

Still, Mills says these "electrotechnologies" are the machinery of the future.

In a study of 40,000 U.S. patents, Mills found that electricity-run gadgets and machinery account for nearly 40 percent of all technological inventions.

Two that researchers say would save significant amounts of energy in the future are electric cars and high-speed trains.

Prototypes of cars that run on rechargeable batteries show they're about 60 percent more energy efficient than today's gasoline-driven cars and produce less than half of the pollution. That takes into consideration the energy used and emissions created at the power plant that produces the electricity that will be used

to fuel the car.

Likewise, ultra high-speed electric trains may soon "fly" commuters between cities. Compared to an airplane, the magnetic-levitation train would use 76 percent less energy per passenger mile. Today, the world's fastest-moving train—France's 200-mile-an-hour TGV—is 10 times more efficient than an airplane.

Half of the smog in U.S. cities comes from cars, trucks, buses and planes, esti-

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Activity	Energy Savings
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Using an electric heat pump for **2 hours** instead of a gas or oil furnace

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Mowing

Using a cordless electric lawnmower for **1 hour** instead of a gasoline-powered model

30-50%

Cooking

Using a microwave to cook **2 pounds of meat** instead of a gas oven

90%

Making steel

Using an electric arc to make **1 pound of steel** instead of a gas furnace

50%

Drying paint

Using an infrared dryer on **1 new car** instead of gas heat

90%

Printing magazines

Using an ultraviolet dryer to dry ink on **40 magazines** instead of gas heat

60%

Making glass

Using an electric furnace to make **12 bottles** instead of a fuel furnace

65%

Sending a message

Using a fax machine to send **20 pages** instead of a courier

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Traveling

Traveling **2 miles** in a high-speed electric train instead of a jet

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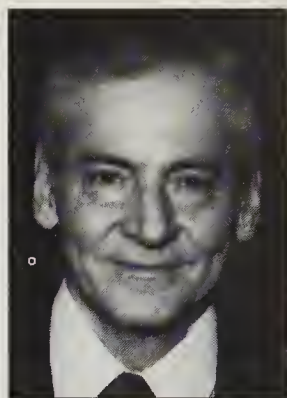
mates Mills. In two decades, carbon dioxide emissions from transportation have risen three times as much as emissions from all other sources combined, he says.

"It is absolutely essential that new technologies be adopted in the marketplace," says EPRI's Gellings. "New technologies that deal with enhancing the productivity of our nation, improving the quality of life . . . are essential.

Gellings calls the switch to energy-efficient electric technologies "part of the

solution" to America's energy woes. Consumers soon will realize, he says, "that electricity has, in the balance, had a very positive impact. . . . Most of the technologies that render our society more productive are electric. They are not gas, they are not fuel oil."

Pictures of the past, preserved for the future



Jody Barber is organizing 100,000 photographs of western North Carolina, composed by his family during the past 100 years.



Eight young bucks on Main Street in Hendersonville after a successful hunt for four of them. The picture was made about 1920. The pennant on the car says "Blue Ridge School."



Baker's London Art Gallery, the forerunner of Barber's Card and Camera Shop in Hendersonville, opened on May 1, 1884, on the second floor of this building located on the corner of Main St. and First Ave. Note the roof's skylight that sent illumination required in the photography studio before electricity was run to the town. Over the years, the building was moved twice, because new surrounding buildings blocked the north light pouring into the studio.

Photos from the Baker-Barber Collection

Jody Barber has a story to tell—with pictures.

For 109 years, five generations of Barber's family have been in business on Main Street in Hendersonville, taking pictures of people, places and events in Hendersonville and throughout Henderson County. Last June, after 46 years as owner-manager of Barber's Card and Camera Shop, Jody closed the business, marking the end of an era.

He has donated his collection of more than 100,000 photos and negatives to the Community Foundation of Henderson County, with the stipulation that they be housed in the county's main library building on Washington Street.

Barber still goes to work every day to catalog the collection, a labor of love that only he can do. "I try to catalog at least 100 pictures a day," he says. "I think I can finish in three years!"

He is putting together a slide presentation of some of the landmark photos with a taped narration. His collection includes more than 5,000 glass plates taken between 1884 and 1915.

Library director William Snyder termed the collection "a wonderful gift which will give county residents an increased appreciation of their heritage throughout the years to come."

The family business opened its doors on May 1, 1884, as Baker's London Art Gallery, four years before George Eastman made his first box camera in 1888. The family's dealership with Eastman Kodak Co. is one of the oldest on record.

Arthur Farrinton Baker, a cousin of Jody's grandmother Barber, had operated a photographic gallery in London before coming to America with Jody's grandfather, Benjamin J. Barber. In London, Baker had been apprenticed to Queen Victoria's court photographer.

Benjamin Barber ran the business and his six children grew

up doing odd jobs around the gallery. Jody's father, Armitage Farrington Barber, used to say he started in the business as a "stockholder"—holding customer's livestock outside the gallery.

Arthur Baker spent his time traveling around taking pictures. A trip to Flat Rock by horse and buggy took the better part of a day. A trip to Chimney Rock, with two trunks full of equipment strapped to the buggy, took a full day for the journey, a second day and the help of two assistants to carry the heavy equipment up the mountain, and a second night at an inn near Bat Cave on the long trip home.

Baker's photos of "the chimney," the first ever taken, received worldwide distribution on postcards and in newspapers and magazines.

The first studio was on the second floor of a building on the corner of Main and First Avenue, Hendersonville. Before electricity came, it was necessary to have a skylight over the camera room. The business had to be moved twice as new surrounding buildings blocked the necessary north light.

Jody remembers working in the studio and running errands at the age of nine. He made his first camera from parts of broken cameras he found in a box in the studio attic.

After returning from service in the Air Corps during World War II, Jody and his two brothers operated three businesses side by side: the studio, a camera shop, and an office supply.

A fire in April 1967 extensively damaged the studio building and destroyed more than half of the 200,000-plus negatives on file. Those remaining were no longer easily identified.

"Trying to find a specific subject was like looking through an encyclopedia without an index," Jody says.

Jody has been confined to a wheelchair since contracting infantile paralysis in 1955, but to hear him talk, the fire was the bigger tragedy. For 37 years he was on the job almost every day, greeting customers by name with a joke and a smile. He and Mary, their daughter, Mary Louise, and their three grandchildren—the fifth generation—will continue to call Hendersonville home. They no longer take photographs commercially, but they continue to record on film the happenings around town, preserving them for future generations.

— Charles Joyner

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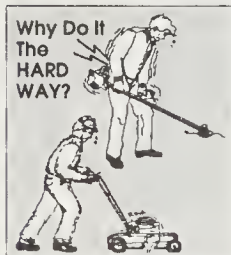
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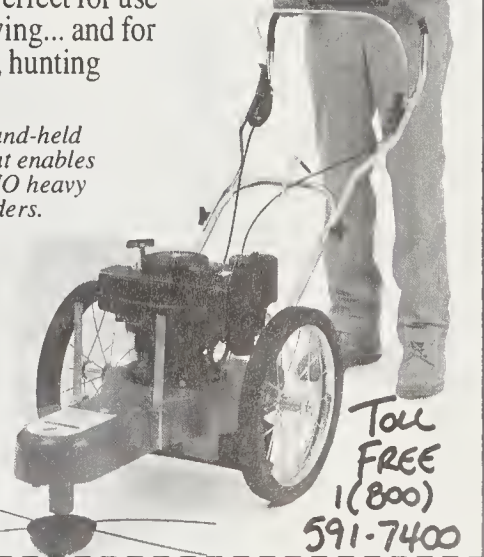
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News of the Cooperatives

Growth in demand examined at annual meeting

A leading observer of the national energy scene says that demand for electricity will rise through the year 2010, and he joins other utility experts in predicting the need for new power plants at key locations in the U.S. built on a smaller scale than utilities have built during the past 30 years.

Dennis Wamsted, executive editor of *The Energy Daily*, cited U.S. government forecasts that anticipate an overall need for more electricity 25 years from now.

And William Berry, retired chairman of Virginia Power's Dominion Resources, agreed with Wamsted in saying that most of the new plants in the near future will employ technology on a smaller scale than plants built recently, and most will be gas-fired, because of the relative abundance of that fuel, as well as its environmental advantages. He said waste products may also figure in the fuel mix for new plants.

The two were keynote speakers at the 44th annual meeting of the state associations of North Carolina's electric cooperatives. Nearly 400 co-op directors, employees and guests attended the meeting held March 9-10 in Research Triangle Park.

The message confirmed plans already underway among North Carolina's cooperatives, who collectively are considering options for building an intermediate peaking plant to meet rising demand in the midwestern part of the state.

Wamsted said North Carolina's cooperatives "have reason to be fairly happy in the way things have grown" among them. He cited a 16.5 percent co-op membership growth and 25 percent increase in kilowatt-hour sales between 1986 and 1991.

A third keynoter, utility industry consultant William Avera, agreed with Wamsted and Berry that deregulation and competition is changing the electric utility business in ways that cannot be fully envisioned.

"What the utility industry looks like today will bear no resemblance to what it will look like in five or 10 years," Wamsted said.

The 1992 National Energy Policy Act, they said, has opened the electric utility industry to more competition than in the past. Also, they said, the nation is seeing a trend toward producing power at plants

other than those built and owned by utilities, including plants built by independent producers and by large industrial users, such as paper mills and chemical manufacturers.

Berry also noted that all utilities should expect less government financing in the future.

Avera predicted activity, in and out of court, on the issue of power transmission. The 1992 Energy Act opened opportunities for "retail wheeling," which could allow utilities to transmit electric power across lines owned by other utilities.

"I think retail wheeling is likely," Avera said, "because we all like the idea of people having choices. . . . Like rural electrification in the 1940s, competition is an idea whose time has come."

Later in the meeting, the annual breakfast of the N.C. Rural Electric Action Program on March 10 attracted 225 people who heard N.C. Speaker of the House Daniel T. Blue Jr. discuss the legislature's special session on crime.

Elections

The following were elected as officers to state association boards:

North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (power supply organization): *Bob McDuffie*, Randolph EMC, president; *Gary Whitener*, Rutherford EMC, vice president; *Lloyd Lee*, Tideland EMC, secretary/treasurer.

North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (trade services): *Charles Tolley*, French Broad EMC, president; *Alice Wilson*, Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, vice president; *Tom Stackhouse*, Central EMC, secretary/treasurer.

Tarheel Electric Membership Association (central supply): *Martha McKnight*, Blue Ridge EMC, president; *Hugh Batts*, Jones-Onslow EMC, vice president; *Roy Stamey*, Haywood EMC, secretary/treasurer.

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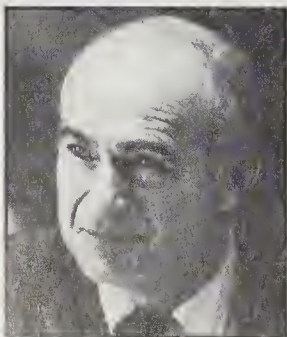
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Katie Bunch Memorial: *Tabitha A. Proffit*; Blue Ridge EMC.

Youth Consulting Board Scholarship (funded by NCAEC): *Nelson Powell*; Four County EMC.

Volunteers' Committee Scholarship: *Linda Worrell*; Edgecombe-Martin County EMC.

Awards

The Alternative Energy Corporation presented four co-ops with plaques for their contributions to the Model Manufactured Home Demonstration project: Four County, Randolph, South River, Surry-Yadkin.

Also, 25 co-op directors and two managers received awards for the length of their service.

Safety accreditation awards were given to the following co-ops: Brunswick EMC, fifth accreditation; Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, fifth accreditation; Four County EMC, eighth accreditation.

Ann Curren retires after 43 years

Ann S. Curren of Wake Forest retired March 29 after serving 43 years with Wake Electric Membership Corporation.

When she began in 1951, "the co-op was so young and small, everyone did a little of everything." She helped to establish the Zebulon District office in 1991 and was its manager until her retirement.

Curren also was instrumental in forming the EMC Employees Credit Union, where she has been a loan officer since 1969, a board member since 1976 and board president since 1982. She has chaired the Rural Electric Action Program and has been active in other political organizations.

May annual meetings

● Harkers Island EMC, Friday, May 20 at Harkers Island Elementary School. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the business meeting is at 7 p.m.

● Halifax EMC, Saturday, May 21 at Enfield Middle School, Enfield. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the business meeting is at 11 a.m.

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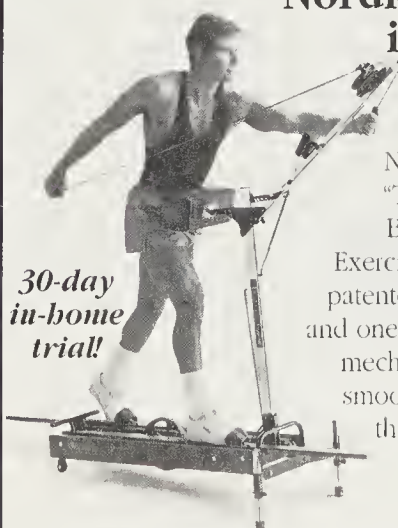
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2 1/2 cups sugar
1 (12 oz.) can peach nectar

Combine half of peaches and 1/4 cup milk in blender. Process until smooth. Transfer to a medium bowl, and repeat procedure with remaining peaches and 1/4 cup milk. Set aside. Combine remaining 2 1/2 cups milk and next 3 ingredients. Cook over medium heat 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, stir in peach mixture and nectar. Pour into container of 4-qt. electric freezer. Freeze according to manufacturer's instructions. Yield: 1 gallon.

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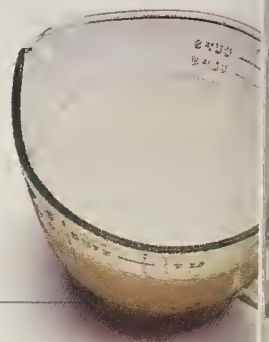
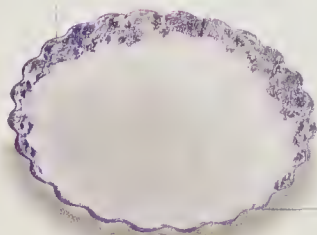
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L Lynda C. Lumpkin of Franklin County, whose home is served by Wake Electric Membership Corporation, is a tireless wife, mother of two teenage boys, businesswoman, community volunteer and cook. She also is a devotee of Habitat for Humanity, the 18-year-old volunteer Christian organization that builds houses for citizens unable to obtain housing by conventional means.

Late last year, a vision of hers was realized: publication of a cookbook that will benefit Habitat for Humanity. She gathered recipes through yet another of her avocations as hostess of a weekly radio call-in show, "Recipe Roundup," initiated for her by a Louisburg radio station.

"Helpings of Hope" is a 445-page volume, indexed, tabbed into 11 sections, and contains more than 420 recipes. All recipes came from Habitat for Humanity friends throughout Franklin County, as well as North Carolina and other states.

North Carolina's Habitat groups are the most prolific in the nation. Of nearly 1,000 autonomous affiliates nationwide, North Carolina is the leading affiliate state with 66, according to Habitat statistics reported in February. The Charlotte affiliate at that time had built or remodeled 193 houses, more than any other affiliate in the U.S. Affiliates in Wake County, Greensboro, western North Carolina, and Orange County have built more than 25 houses each.

All proceeds from the sale of the book benefit Habitat for Humanity. Organizations interested in obtaining the book as a fundraiser should call or write at the address below to learn about special arrangements. Proceeds from the sale of individual books by mail order benefit the Franklin County affiliate.

"Habitat for Humanity does more than build houses," Lumpkin says. "It strives to build a sense of partnership and community that crosses the many barriers that separate people."

The cookbook costs \$17.50, plus \$1.25 each for postage and handling, and \$1.05 each for sales tax (N.C. residents). Contact "Helpings of Hope," P.O. Box 505, Louisburg, N.C. 27549. (919)-690-0508.

Lynda Lumpkin says this is one of her favorites from the book.

"I make the salad and strawberry mixture and dressing separately early in the day; refrigerate and combine right before serving."

Festive Spinach Salad

Submitted by Lola P. Dossett

9¼ cups torn fresh spinach
2¼ cups fresh strawberries,
hulled and sliced
¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
1½ tablespoons sesame seeds
2¼ teaspoons poppy seeds
1½ teaspoons minced onions

¼ teaspoon paprika
½ teaspoon low-sodium
Worcestershire sauce
¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons cider
vinegar
1½ tablespoons vegetable oil
1½ tablespoons water

Combine spinach and strawberries in a large bowl; toss gently. Cover and chill. Combine sugar and remaining ingredients in container of an electric blender; top with cover and process at low speed for 30 seconds. Drizzle dressing over spinach mixture; toss gently. Serve immediately.

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Cordless electric lawnmowers may soon revolutionize Saturday morning mowing across the country.

Battery-powered lawnmowers represent the best of electric technology with no emissions, quiet operation and ease of use, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

And the Electric Council for the Economy calculates that cordless electric mowers use at least 70 percent less energy than gasoline mowers.

Research shows that conventional gas-powered mowers produce as much smog-causing hydrocarbon in one hour as does an automobile. EPA researchers estimate that if all U.S. residential lawn mowing was done with electric mowers, a net reduction in energy consumption of more than 2.2 million barrels of oil per year could be achieved.

Electric lawnmowers have been around for years, but few consumers wanted to grapple with long, cumbersome cords. That problem has been solved with the development of cordless, rechargeable mowers made by Black & Decker and Ryobi America Corporation.

The Black & Decker cordless convertible mulching mower CM650 model has a 12-volt battery and can shear about a quarter-acre of lawn before it needs an overnight recharge. It uses about as much electricity per year as a toaster. The mower charges to about 80 percent of full capacity in three hours. The trickle charger brings the mower up to full charge in 16 hours with one cycle consuming only .58 kilowatts of electricity. The cost for cutting a quarter-acre is about five cents. Besides a mulching blade, the 60-pound mower also allows bagging of grass clippings.

The Ryobi America Corporation, based in Anderson, S.C., has developed the Mulchinator, a 24-volt, battery-powered mulching mower. The manufacturer says it can cut up to a half-acre lawn, running up to 90 minutes before needing a recharge. The Mulchinator comes with

a battery meter to indicate charge status. Weighing 75 pounds, similar to a standard 3.5 horsepower gas mower, the Ryobi is very quiet while in operation.

These mowers cost between \$350 and \$400 retail. Both manufacturers say the batteries should last five to seven years and cost about \$65 to replace.

Easy start-up is an added benefit of the electric mowers. Push a button and your electric mower is ready to go. And with handles folded, they can be stored upright.

Members of Tideland Electric Membership Corporation can get a first hand look at the Ryobi Mulchinator by visiting any Tideland district office. Charged up and ready to go, the mower is demonstrated by co-op staff. The co-op is interested in knowing member comments.

Both Ryobi and Black & Decker make other battery-powered lawn and garden tools. Black & Decker, for example, makes a cordless hedge trimmer with a removable battery that recharges in about three hours, though the marketing director says that time should be cut to about 15 minutes within a few years. Ryobi makes an electric outdoor blower that is only slightly less powerful, and much quieter, than its gas-powered counterparts.

For more information about the Black & Decker equipment and to learn about local dealers, call (800) 762-6672.

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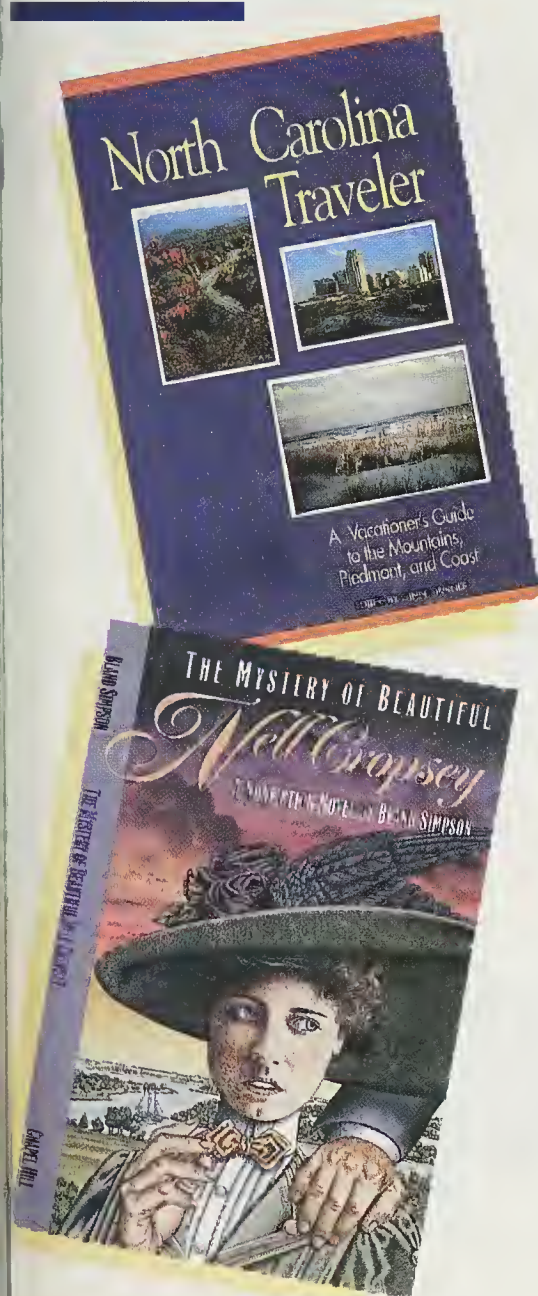


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Mystery of Beautiful Nell Cropsey

Bland Simpson, 170 pages, hardcover

Bloodhounds, detectives, divers and even a psychic searched. The story became a national sensation spreading to major newspapers from Norfolk to New York City. North Carolina's river port town, Elizabeth City, was on the map.

In "The Mystery of Beautiful Nell Cropsey," Bland Simpson has turned a mystery disappearance in turn-of-the-century Elizabeth City into a gripping novel. Simpson uses three, first person voices to weave the true story into the colorful narrative. Nell's sister, Ollie, a local (later famous) newspaper editor and Nell's suitor, Jim Willcox, implicated in the case, all give their accounts of the mystery.

Available at bookstores and from the publisher, The University of North Carolina Press, P.O. Box 2288, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27515-2288. Phone: (800)-848-6224.

Lift Up Your Head, Tom Dooley

John Foster West, 134 pages, softcover, illustrated

The author is a novelist and retired Appalachian State University professor who revisits a story he first examined in the 1970 book, "The Legend of Tom Dooley." He does so, he writes, in an effort to "tell the true story behind the old ballad in chronological order, in a language clear and precise."

This tale retold is the legend of Tom Dula, a young Confederate veteran who was hanged for the murder of his lover, Laura Foster in 1866. His name was pronounced Dooley in the Appalachian foothills—and in the song that became a hit for the Kingston Trio.

West, who grew up in the community where this incident occurred, suggests that the true story doesn't match up with the legend.

The book is available in book stores for \$16.95 or can be ordered from the publisher, Down Home Press, P.O. Box 4126, Asheboro, N.C. 27204. Phone: (919) 672-6889.

A Confederate Nurse: The Diary of Ada W. Bacot, 1860-1863

Edited by Jean V. Berlin, 199 pages, hardcover

Diary of a plantation owner and childless widow whose patriotism prompted her to leave South Carolina to care for wounded Civil War Confederates in Charlottesville. Entries portray personal satisfaction and camaraderie that nursing offered 19th century women and offers a firsthand look at the workings of the Confederate hospital system. Reveals themes of Southern womanhood of the time: evangelical Christianity, nationalism and loyalty to state, opportunities brought by war, desire for social and economic independence, ambivalence toward slaves and hired African Americans.

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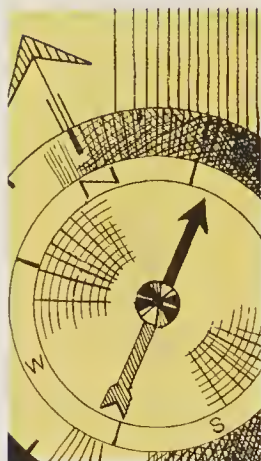
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Harmony Hall Reunion

May 7, White Oak
Eighth annual reunion, with crafts, food and entertainment at historical river plantation. Contact Harmony Hall, Rt. 1, Box 83, White Oak, N.C. 28399. Phone: (910) 866-4256.

Spring plant sale

May 7, New Bern
A one-day Gardener's Extravaganza sale featuring plants, floral items, herbs, plant accessories, herbal teas, potpourri and books. Contact the New Bern Historical Society, P.O. Box 119, New Bern, N.C. 28563. Phone: (919) 638-8558.

Steam train excursion

May 7-8, Spencer
May 7: the Lynchburg Limited steams through the Piedmont to Lynchburg, Va. May 8: the Blue Ridge Special climbs the Blue Ridge Mountains through Hickory, Morganton and Marion to Asheville. Departure time both days is 7 a.m. Fares are \$69 per person per day. Children under 3 ride free. Contact Mary Cook, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27601-2807. Phone: (919) 733-5722.

"A House Divided"

May 12-29, Nashville
A musical production with Civil War theme at the James K. Polk Theater. Contact the Tennessee Repertory Theatre, 427 Chestnut St., Nashville, Tenn. 37203. Phone: Eric Davis, (615) 259-4000.

Mai-Fest '94

May 14, Williamston
Crafts, bands, a petting zoo, a talent show, the Roanoke Doll Lover's Club Doll Show, the Martin County Art Show and the

Martin Community Players. Contact Leslie Johnson, Martin County Arts Council, P.O. Box 1134, Williamston, N.C. 27892. Phone: (919) 792-1575.

New Bern antique show

May 14-15, New Bern
Twentieth century American furniture, china, porcelains, ceramics, glassware, linens, silver crystal, jewelry, paintings, maps and toys. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Sheraton Grand Hotel/ Inn/ Marina. Contact the New Bern Preservation Foundation, P.O. Box 207, New Bern, N.C. 28563. Phone: (919) 633-6448.

Old Mill Crank-Up

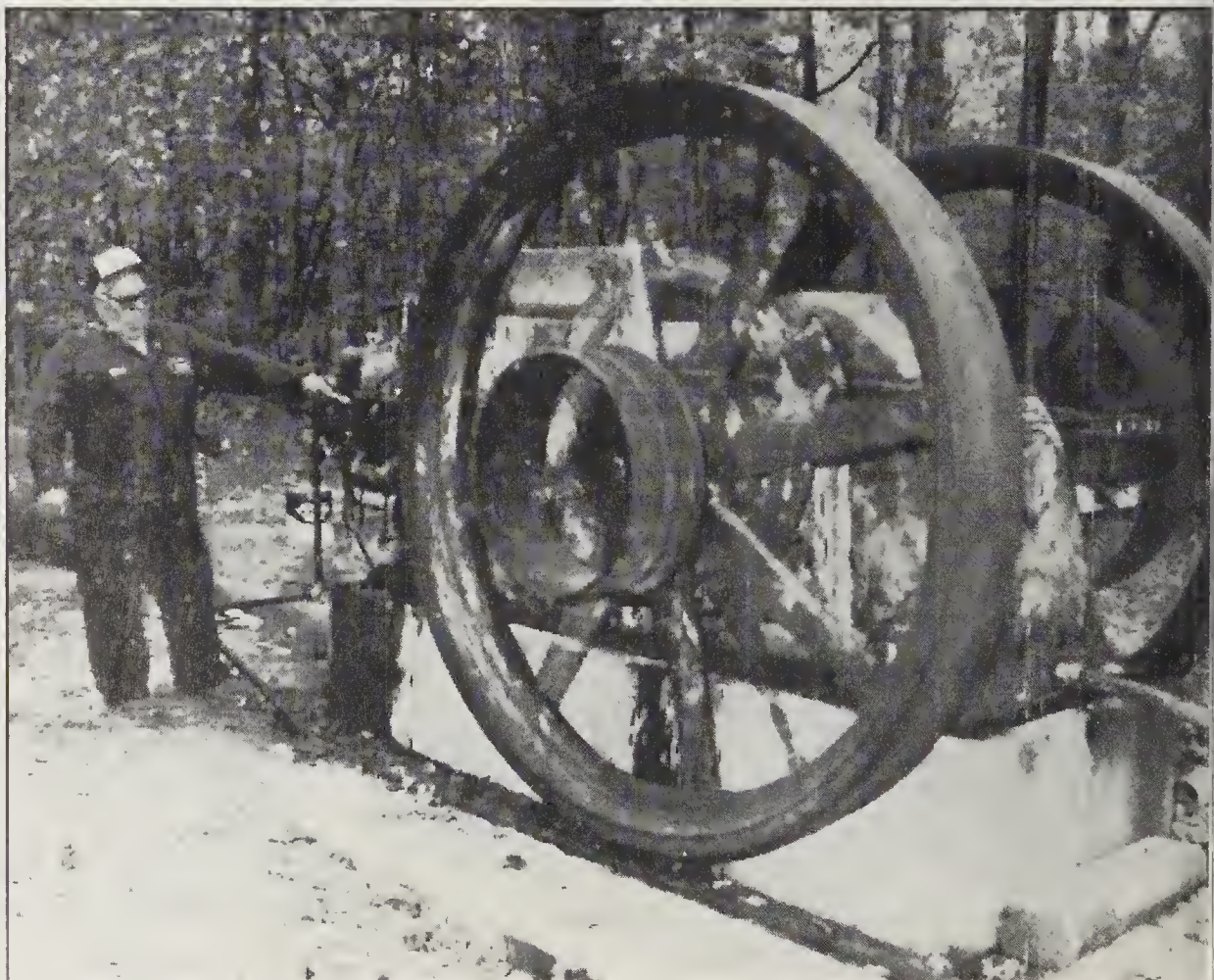
May 14-15, Sanford
A working saw mill, basket weaving, wood carving, soap making and a whiskey still. Antique engines, motors and tractors on display. Contact Kenton Patterson, 3555 Caribton Rd., Sanford, N.C. 27330. Phone: (919) 774-4742.

Deadlines

Deadlines for submitting notices to "Here, There and Everywhere."

July issue.....May 25
August issue.....June 25
September issue.....July 25

We welcome photos and illustrations of coming events. Send notices to Calendar, Carolina Country, P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.



Antique mills and motors will be exhibited at the Old Mill Crank-Up May 14-15 in Sanford.

Wildlife and art

May 14-15, Winston-Salem

Family activities, artwork, music, food and entertainment. The May 14 art benefit features an auction of hundreds of fine art pieces to benefit SciWorks' exhibits and special programs. Contact: SciWorks, 400 W. Hanes Mill Rd., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27105. Phone: (910) 767-6730.

"Annie"

May 19-22, Lumberton

Popular musical presented by Robeson Little Theatre. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for students, \$6 for senior citizens. Contact Robeson Little Theatre, P.O. Box 613, Lumberton, N.C. 28359. Phone: (910) 738-2012.

Share Cabarrus Festival

May 21, Concord

Arts and crafts, video karaoke, fashion show, food pavilion, gold panning, petting zoo, face painting and more. Contact the Concord-Cabarrus County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1029, Concord, N.C. 28026-1029. Phone: (704) 782-4111.

Dance and Sports Festival

May 21, Denton

First Denton downtown festival. Denton's own Hickory Flat Hoedowners, plus beach, country, bluegrass and gospel music. Crafts, food, boating, fishing and sports equipment. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date is May 22. Contact Denton Area Chamber of Commerce, 2691 Denton Road, Denton, N.C. 27239. Phone: (704) 869-2181.

Bass-N-Babes

May 21-22, Hertford

Tidewater Bass-N-Babes open team tournament on the Perquimans River at the Wildlife ramp May 21. Club tournament (women only) will be held May 22 at the same location. Contact Cathy Williams, 1213 Burns St., Chesapeake, Va. 23320. Phone: (804) 545-9555.

Happening II

May 21, Tarboro

A "musical explosion" with arts and crafts exhibits and demonstrations, a talent contest, gospel performances and food

vendors at the Town Common. Contact the Edgecombe County Arts Council, 130 Bridgers St., Tarboro, N.C. 27886. Phone: (919) 641-ARTS.

Hope Plantation spring

May 21, Windsor

"Springtime on the Plantation" With the music of the Bertie-Martin Band along with a pig picking and barbecue chicken dinner at Historic Hope Plantation. Contact Historic Hope Foundation, P.O. Box 601, Windsor, N.C. 27983. Phone: (919) 794-3140.

Fossil Festival

May 27-29, Aurora

Displays by the Smithsonian Institute, N.C. Fossil Club, N.C. State University, East Carolina University and Duke University Marine Lab. Also a street dance, a craft fair, singing groups, a softball tournament, line dancing, children's rides and a womanless Ms. Fossil Beauty Pageant. Contact Fossil Festival, P.O. Box 367, Aurora, N.C. 27806. Phone: (919) 322-5587.

Fiddler's & bluegrass festival

May 27-29, Union Grove

"Ole Time Festival" of string music competition and traditional grass roots American music. Workshops on clogging, storytelling, fiddle repair and more. Special performances by musicians from festivals past. Contact Harper A. Van Hoy, P.O. Box 11, Union Grove, N.C. 28689. Phone: (704) 539-4417.

Wagon Train

May 28-29, Hoffman

Horseback riders and wagons are invited to join a Memorial Weekend guided wagon train traveling across the sandhills of North Carolina. Pig picking and country music on Saturday night. Proceeds benefit the Richmond County Humane Society. Contact Deborah Goodwin, 334 Firetower Rd., Ellerbe, N.C. 28338. Phone: (910) 652-5067.

Work chanteys, sea ballads

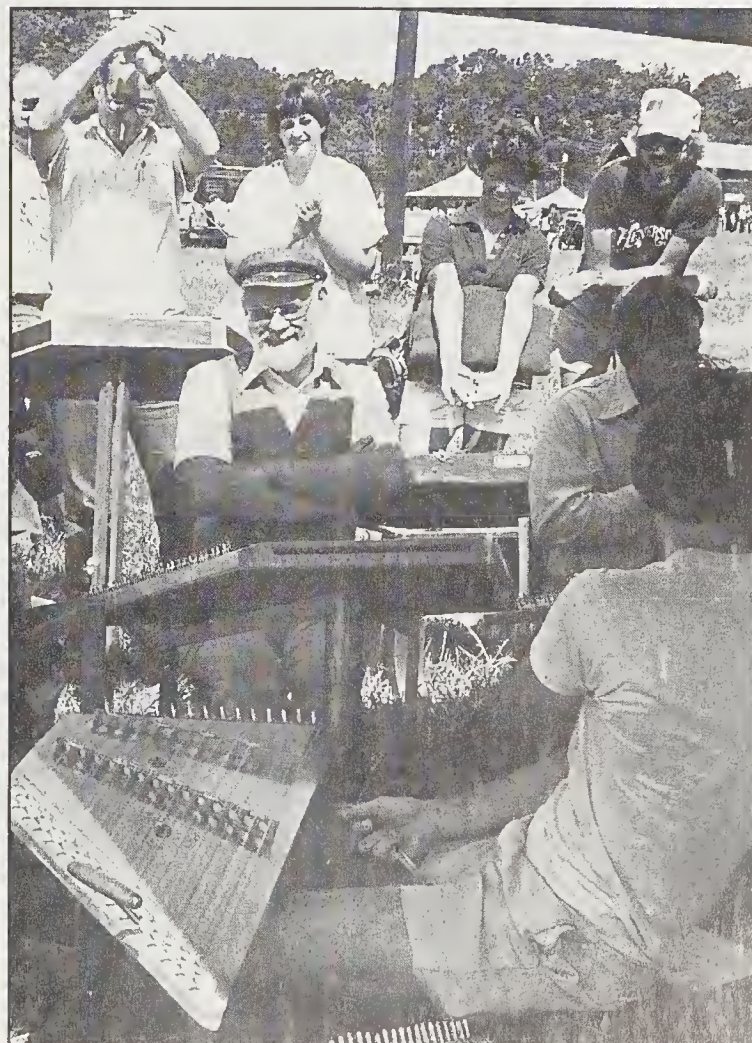
May 28-29, Beaufort

The N.C. Maritime Museum hosts Tom Lewis who will give two lively concerts of work

Hope Plantation presents its "springtime" program May 21 in Windsor.



bore: Frank Proffitt at the storytelling workshop during the "Ole Time fiddlers and Bluegrass Festival" in Union Grove. At right is the hammered dulcimer workshop.



chanteys and ballads of the sea in the museum auditorium. Contact the Maritime Museum, 315 Front Street, Beaufort, N.C. 28516. Phone: (919) 728-7317.

Gaston County and WWII

May 29-July 31, Dallas

"Old Soldiers Never Die" features an exhibit of posters of WWII along with military artifacts and memorabilia relating to the soldiers of Gaston County. Commemorating the 50th anniversary of WWII. Contact John Beam, Gaston County Museum, Box 429, Dallas, N.C. 28034. Phone: (704) 922-7681.

N.C. Awards

May 31 deadline

Nominations for the highest civilian award given by state government in four categories: science, fine arts, literature and public service. Contact Betty Ray McCain, Secretary of Cultural Resources, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27601-2807. Phone: (919) 733-5722.

Blue Ridge BBQ and music

June 3-4, Tryon

Over 40 nationally ranked barbecue cooking teams will compete for the N.C. State Barbe-

cue Championship. Bluegrass, country, Celtic and folk music. Contact The Tryon Thermal Belt Chamber of Commerce, 401 N. Trade St., Tryon, N.C. Phone: (704) 859-6236.

Pan fish tournament

June 4, Burgaw

The tournament at Holland's Shelter Creek begins at 6 a.m. and weigh-in is at 3:30 p.m. Prize money and trophies in six categories. Pre-registration from May 28 to June 3. Prize money and trophies include a drawing for a one-man boat with an electric motor and \$25,000 in prize

money. Contact Steve Holland, Holland's Shelter Creek, Highway 53 East, Burgaw, N.C. 28425. Phone: (910) 259-5743.

"Listen and Remember"

June, Waxhaw

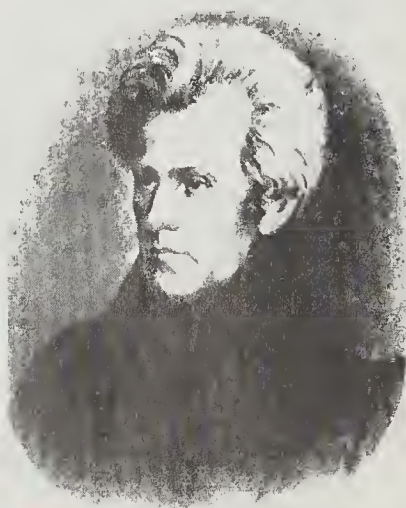
A historical drama depicting the life and times of Andrew Jackson staged in the Waxhaw Amphitheater. Runs Fridays and Saturdays in June at 8:30 p.m. Tickets in advance or at the gate. Contact Waxhaw Historical Festival and Drama Association, P.O. Box 1776, Waxhaw, N.C. 28177. Phone: (704) 843-2300.



Samples of artifacts scheduled to appear in the "Old Soldiers Never Die" exhibit at the Gaston County Museum through July.



Listen and Remember



South Carolina or North Carolina? Arguing about the birthplace of Andrew Jackson in a scene from "Listen and Remember," through June in Waxhaw.



Major Improvements To Health Care Plan



"There will be no rate increases for the 1993-94 rating period," stated Grange Master Robert H. Caldwell, "and additional benefits are also being added to the Grange BCBS plan!"

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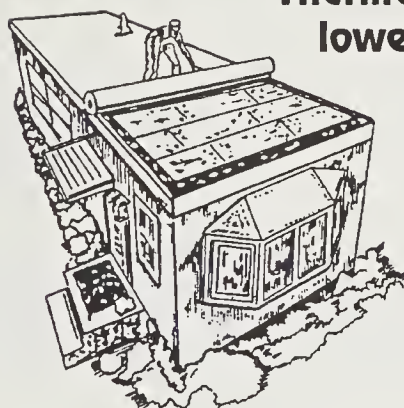
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by Hank Smith



May often is
too wet...then
too dry...then
too wet.

This is the season when you can see spring-to-summer transition in the garden. Early shrubs and bulbs have bloomed; later varieties are coming into flower. Many shrubs are showing new shoots; some new growth is beginning to harden off. In another month wood will be just right for semi-hardwood cuttings.

Take advantage of the few cool days to complete late-spring plantings of summer annuals, bulbs and vegetables. May's the month when it often is too wet—then too dry—then too wet. This forces gardeners to be on the alert for best planting opportunities.

Woody ornamentals should be prepared for the season ahead. Rework compacted soil around the plants. Then apply an organic mulch such as compost, pine needles or crushed bark, to ensure proper aeration and drainage.

Storm damage

Wind and rain-storms during spring and early summer can cause considerable damage to trees. Remove all damaged wood as soon as possible. Make cuts flush with the tree trunk or limb from which it was growing.

Time to plant vegetables

If you've delayed setting out tender sweet and hot pepper plants and eggplant, set them out now. Also plant seed of cantaloupe, squash, okra, bush and pole beans, lima beans, snapbeans, and sweet and roasting ear corn.

Just as with lawn watering, frequent light watering seldom is beneficial to the vegetable garden.

Often it does harm. During dry spells, soak ground thoroughly; then water again when soil is dry. When plants are small, one inch of water

per week should be enough.

When plants are larger, they may need as much as two inches per week.

Tomatoes, cucumbers, summer squash and melons should be planted in the garden now.

Pinching back annuals

Pinching back, the removal of the tip growth of a stem, makes bushier plants. Also, it encourages the formation of more flowerbuds. In addition to controlling the size of a plant, pinching back tip buds will extend

the flowering period.

Among annuals that best respond to pinching back growing tips are petunia, ageratum, zinnia, calendula, drummond phlox, annual mums, snapdragon, verbena, pinks (dianthus) and verbenas. Don't pinch back main stems of cockscomb, strawflower or poppy.

When plant is about three inches high, break out the center above the second set of leaves. This causes four little branches to form. If further bushiness is desired, pinch the tips of these four branches in a few weeks when they have grown and developed a bit.

Pinching back after July 1 may cause flowering so late in the season that blooms are killed by frost.

Seeding dahlias—those grown from seed rather than tubers—may be pinched back until August 1 to induce fall flowering.

from camellias and azaleas. To prevent spread of the galls, tie them in a plastic bag and place in the garbage.



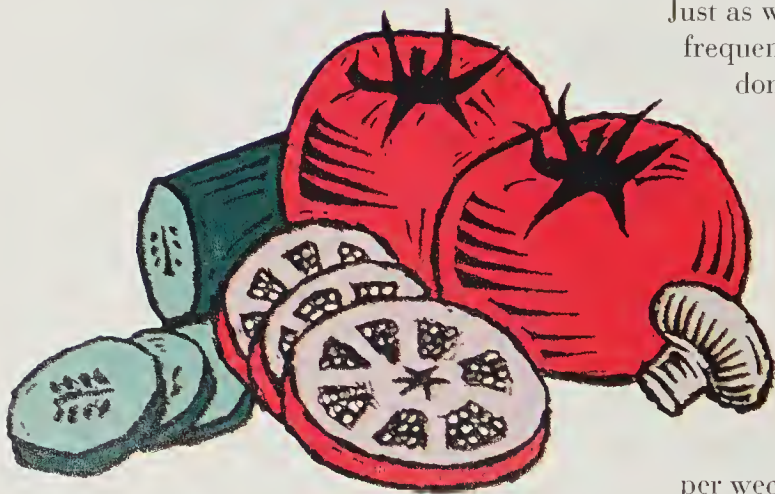
Be careful with pesticides

With arrival of warm weather, there usually is an abundance of plant pests: insects, diseases, and weeds. This means an increase in the use of pesticides to control or eliminate these problems.

All pesticides are poisonous—use extreme caution with them. The improper use of pesticides may cause more problems than the use of pesticides themselves.

Always read the label completely—and follow directions. When making applications of pesticides, always wear long-sleeved clothing. Remove the clothing and bathe immediately if a pesticide is spilled on the skin or clothing. Take care that the spray does not drift onto exposed skin.

If there is no "accident" when applying pesticides, a shower and change of clothes at the end of yard work is adequate.



Begin now to control pests

If not controlled, insects go rampant at this time. Carefully inspect trees, shrubs, bedding plants and lawn grasses for signs of insect damage.

Watch especially for thrips, whiteflies, spider mites, bagworms, chinch bugs and lacebugs. Look also for blackspot and powdery mildew. These diseases are ever-present pests of roses encouraged by wet foliage.

When you water, be careful that leaves of shrubs, roses, and bedding plants remain dry. The presence of moisture encourages the spread of diseases.

Bedding plants

Continue to plant seeds of coleus, Abalsam, portulaca, gourd, marigold, morning glory, sunflower, four-o'clock, cosmos and zinnia.

Summer-flowering bulbs and tubers also may be planted. Cannas, dahlias and achimenes are examples.

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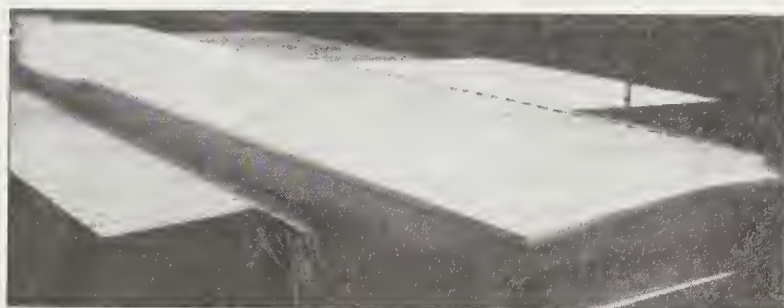
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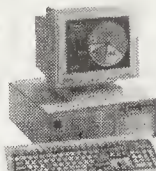
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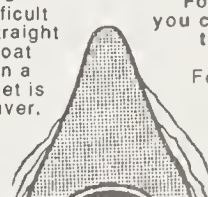
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If she gets as ornery as she was in January, she'll pull out the heat and humidity with a vengeance, sending us in search of a more acceptable comfort index. Most of us will find it by pushing those thermostats into warp mode, making

our cooling systems work overtime. The winter power shortages that plagued much of the country will be only a faint memory.

The electric co-ops and other utilities don't expect another power supply crisis this summer but you might still want to cool off with an eye toward reducing your energy use. At the very least, it will help you hold the line on those hot-weather energy bills.

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- ☼ Don't drink so much water in the summertime. Then you won't have so much humidity in you and you won't feel the heat so bad.
- ☼ Put more hot sauce in all the food.
- ☼ Give free earplugs to everyone so if somebody starts talking about how cold or hot he is, nobody has to listen.
- ☼ Eat more carrots so we can see just as good with less light.

- ☼ Keep a dog that is trained only to bark if the temperature gets too high or too low.
- ☼ Make it a rule that there has to be at least two people in every big bed that uses an electric blanket.
- ☼ Find out if tulip bulbs give off heat.
- ☼ Save everything! Stop the making of waste baskets.
- ☼ Have radio stations play all their music fast in the winter so everybody will move around and keep warmer that way.
- ☼ Dip everything that is made into stuff that glows in the dark.
- ☼ Don't have so many days of school.

Postscripts

Here are a couple of postscripts to previous columns, based on comments from some of our readers:

Alice E. Wilson of Tarboro wrote, saying she enjoyed the February piece on "culinary outcasts"—people who feel like misfits because their preferences in food are outside the popular mainstream. She adds: "I must tell you, 'You don't know nothin' yet!'—until you go to the most famous seafood restaurant in the world (in San Francisco) with a big crowd—and order ham and eggs, explaining that you don't eat any seafood!"

Mrs. Wilson, a member of the board of Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation, Tarboro, says she likes mint and peanut butter just fine, thank you!

Tom Young of Seven Lakes submitted yet another version of the "country talk" phrase I wrote about in February. He says, "We, from North Country, would say, 'She's as cute as a speckle dotted pup.'" Earlier, one reader had sent us the phrase, describing the pup as "spotted." Another called it "speckled."

Young's note also included another saying that he thought "may bring a smile to your lips": Prettier than a blue-nosed mule.

Hank Smith, our stalwart gardening columnist, submitted these new entries: 1) He's still kickin', but he ain't raisin' any dust. 2) She's so ugly when she was born, her mother wrapped her diaper around her head for the first year. He's kinda got above his raisin'. 4) It's a tough row to hoe.



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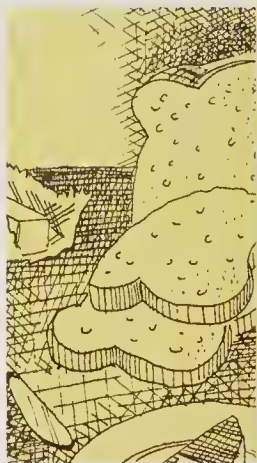
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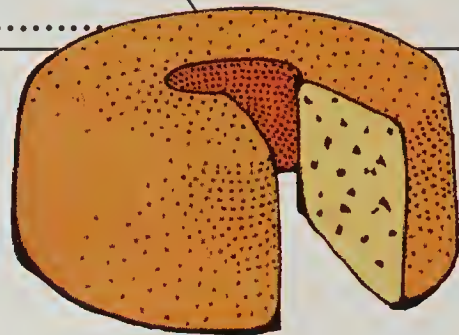
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